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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a committee to implement Joint Forest Management programmes to protect and conserve the forest resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Maharashtra;

(c) the details of funds to be allocated for each programme;

(d) whether any Tribal has been appointed as the member of the said committee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABUL LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (e) No, Sir. Joint Forest Management (JFM) programme is being implemented by the state governments as per provisions of National Forest Policy, 1988. As reported by state governments around 10.249 million ha. of forest area is being managed by 36,130 JFM committees in 22 states of the country. A JFM network has been established under the chairmanship of Inspector General of Forests & Special Secretary to ensure wider consultation with state governments, non government organisation (NGO`s) and other academic & research institutes. A representative of Government of Maharashtra was invited to attend the meeting of the JFM network held on 27.7.2000. People`s participation is mandatory in all the afforestation schemes of the government and during ninth plan period an amount of Rs.477.50 crores has been earmarked by the Ministry under the centrally sponsored schemes, for afforestation activities. In the JFM network, representatives of grass root level NGO`s working in the field of JFM has been appointed as its member.